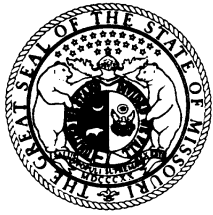


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### **Situation Report Spring Storms Event April 1, 2008, 10 a.m.**

#### **SUMMARY:**

A strong cold front moved out of Kansas and into Missouri today, with severe storms and high winds affecting many areas of the state. National Weather Service (NWS) reports two tornado touchdowns in southwest Missouri. Areas north of the I-70 corridor sustained damage from high wind gusts not associated with thunderstorms. High winds from a severe thunderstorm, also caused substantial damage in Buffalo. **All severe storm and tornado watches and warnings have expired. Flash Flood warnings remain in the southern half of the State.**

#### **Utility Outages:**

Ameren has restored most customers. They have about 226 meters without power. Empire Electric reported that they had upwards of 4,000 customers without power, but they have been restored with exception of some outages in the Buffalo and Neosho areas. Crews also responded to scattered outages from Higginsville south to Springfield.

#### **County Reports:**

**Cedar County** – 1/2 dozen roads closed. Three structures suffered damages. Some businesses flooded in El Dorado Springs.

**Dallas County** – 38 homes affected – 9 destroyed – 26 damaged - 13 businesses affected. 2-3 injuries reported. No shelters were opened as ARC put up affected families in a local hotel. Most damages confined to Buffalo.

**Howell County** – several swift water rescues were made in West Plains (just north).

**Jefferson County** – a couple of swift water rescues.

**Laclede County** – Minor damage to an Elementary School. Unoccupied bus overturned and 8 homes suffered some damages.

**Newton County** – Mostly wind damages. Three homes and one business destroyed. Lots of outbuildings destroyed. Public works building in Neosho was damaged to the point that it will have to be taken down.

**St. Clair County** – Road damages and two bridges damaged. No wind damages.

**State Agencies :**

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is assessing the storm damage along with other state departments and agencies.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reports about 80 road closures – 69 due to this storm event and 11 remain closed from the March winter storms. All major roads – Interstate and U.S. routes are open.

Department of Social Services – Two foster homes were damaged. Family Services officials are enroute to check the living situation.

Department of Conservation – Agents were assisting in Buffalo in the overnight.

Missouri State Highway Patrol – Have returned to normal operations. Troop D will be sending officers to Dallas County to assist the local authorities.

Missouri State Water Patrol – Have returned to normal operations. Two officers are in the field at Dallas County assisting local authorities.

**Non –Governmental Organizations:**

American Red Cross – Is assisting local jurisdictions in doing damage assessments.

AmeriCorps – Still assisting the SEMA Human Services Branch in meeting peoples needs.

**Weather:**

National Weather Service (St. Louis) indicates that cooler and drier air is moving into Missouri as a result of the frontal passage. Highs temperatures for Tuesday will be in the upper 40s. Wednesday will become cloudy with a high in the mid-50s. Next storm will be on Thursday into Friday and the amounts of rain can be up to 5 inches in the southern half of the State. Weekend is looking to be sunny in the 60s.

**Point of Contact:**

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 7:30 a.m – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any requests for assistance after hours should be directed to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

*Please Note: Barring any unforeseen events, this will be the last report on this storm/event.*